CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LAHONTAN REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF FILING OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

In the Matter of Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) and on a draft substitute environmental document prepared pursuant to section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed amendments would revise sodium-related water quality objectives that protect the Agricultural Supply beneficial uses of surface waters of the Carson and Walker River watersheds. The amendments would also include minor editorial changes.

The draft environmental document for the proposed amendments concludes that they will have no significant effects on the environment. There are no sites in the affected watersheds on the list of hazardous waste sites maintained under Government Code section 65962.5. The technical justification for the proposed amendments is provided in a separate staff report.

The public hearing will be held at the Water Board's regular meeting on July 12-13, 2006. The location and time for that meeting will be available in an agenda announcement posted on the Water Board's Internet web page in late June. A paper copy of the announcement may be requested by contacting Water Board staff. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Water Board will consider certification of the substitute environmental document and approval of the proposed amendments.

The meeting room will be accessible to people with disabilities. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Laurie Applegate at (530) 542-5414 or LApplegate@waterboards.ca.gov at least 5 days before the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Written comments or questions on the amendments and environmental document should be directed to the attention of Judith Unsicker at the address below or via email to junsicker@waterboards.ca.gov. Ms. Unsicker's telephone number is (530) 542-5462. Written comments are requested by June 14, 2006 to allow adequate time for preparation of written responses, and for full consideration of all comments and responses by the Water Board. The draft amendments and supporting documents will be available by May 1, 2006 on the Water Board's Internet web page at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan. Copies of these documents may be obtained by calling (530) 542-5400. Copies of the Basin Plan, the proposed amendments, the environmental document, and related materials may be examined and photocopied on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Water Board's office, 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

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